GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Adoption of Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to permit or give preference to single aged women/men and financially stable single women over the age of 40 years in adoption of children;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the terms and conditions in this regard;
(c) the number of applicants applied for adoption and number of children adopted during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and
(d) the details of such centres run by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b): Single women above the age of 40, who are financially able, would be given ante date seniority of six months for getting referral of children for adoption. The decision will be reviewed after a period of three months.

(c): As on date, the State/UT-wise number of Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) registered in the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), an online portal of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is enclosed at Annexure-I. The State/UT-wise (including Kerala) number of children adopted during last three years and the current year (as on date) is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d) Number of Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) recognized by the respective State Governments/UTs is enclosed at Annexure-III.

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